

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.:	)	
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR	)	
FREEZE-DRYING PRODUCTS	)	
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Attorney Docket No.:	)	Cleveland, OH 44114
GEAL 2 00006	)	August 16, 2006

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this application, applicants request amendment of the application as follows:

Please substitute the enclosed substitute specification. A second copy of the specification and abstract showing the insertions and deletions in underline and strikethrough is attached. The substitute specification contains no new matter.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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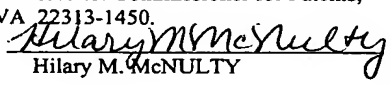
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